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The True Story of a Legendary \$5.00 Bill from Southern Illinois

By Samuel W. Johnson, Jr.

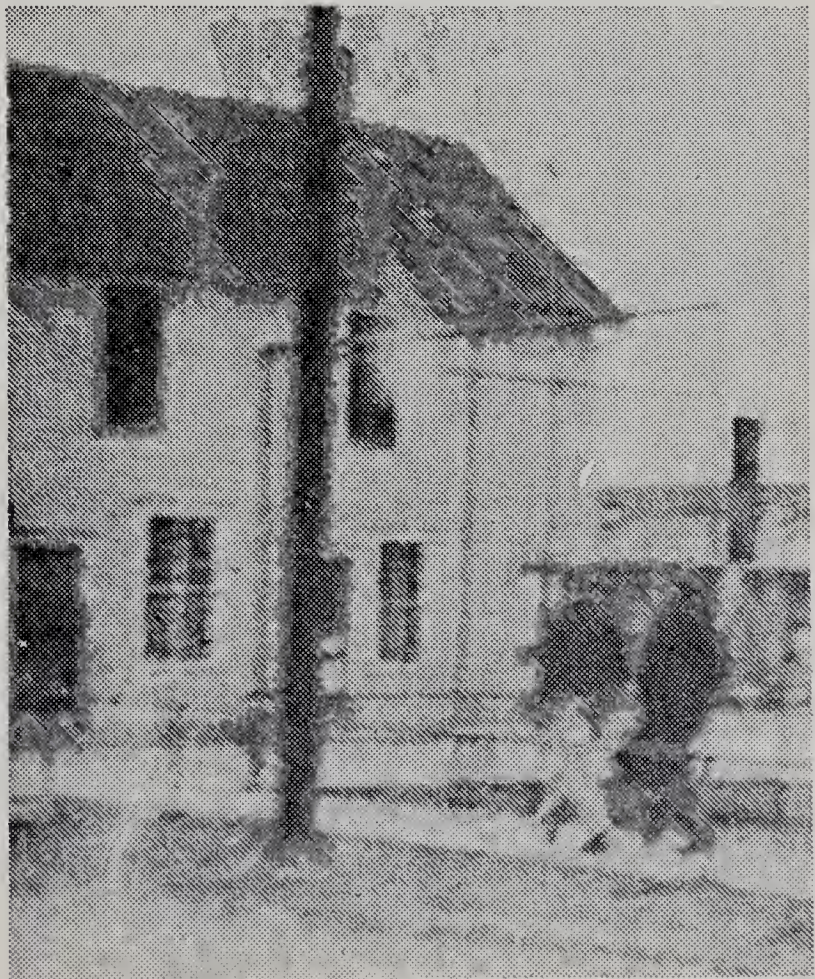
Hello, friends and fellow collectors! This article was written because of a small story in a local area newspaper in January of 1981, which featured an old \$5.00 bill. I became fascinated by the article and decided to try and find out the entire story. The more I researched, the more interesting and thrilling it became. As the story unfolded, I found out about Jerry, Nellie, nitroglycerin, a very cunning police chief, a bank robbery, and of course the entire story of the \$5.00 bill.

There is an old \$5.00 bill in a frame that is (sometimes) exhibited by the First National Bank of Steeleville, Illinois. This small southern Illinois town is located 60 miles southeast of St. Louis, and has a current population of 2,200. Even an amateur currency collector who happened to notice this old \$5.00 bill would think, "Man, what a rag," as the note is in terrible condition. When exhibited, the note is hardly noticed and has seldom been "in the limelight" for many years. However, more than 78 years ago, this note's spectacular experience skyrocketed it into legendary status.

This legend's true story is as follows. The Bank of Steeleville opened for business on December 1, 1902. Eleven financially prominent men, as co-partners, founded the bank. (In 1912 the bank became a State Bank and in 1940 became a National Bank.)

On January 27, 1903, only a few weeks after opening, three thieves broke into the bank building shortly before 2:30 a.m. and used nitroglycerin to "blow the safe". Actual ear-witness accounts varied. Some said that there were four distinct explosions — others said six. Irregardless, the large "Herring-Hall Burglar-Proof" safe did prove to be a tough adversary until the tremendously powerful final blast. Witnesses said that the school grounds opposite and in front of the bank were illuminated briefly by each explosion.

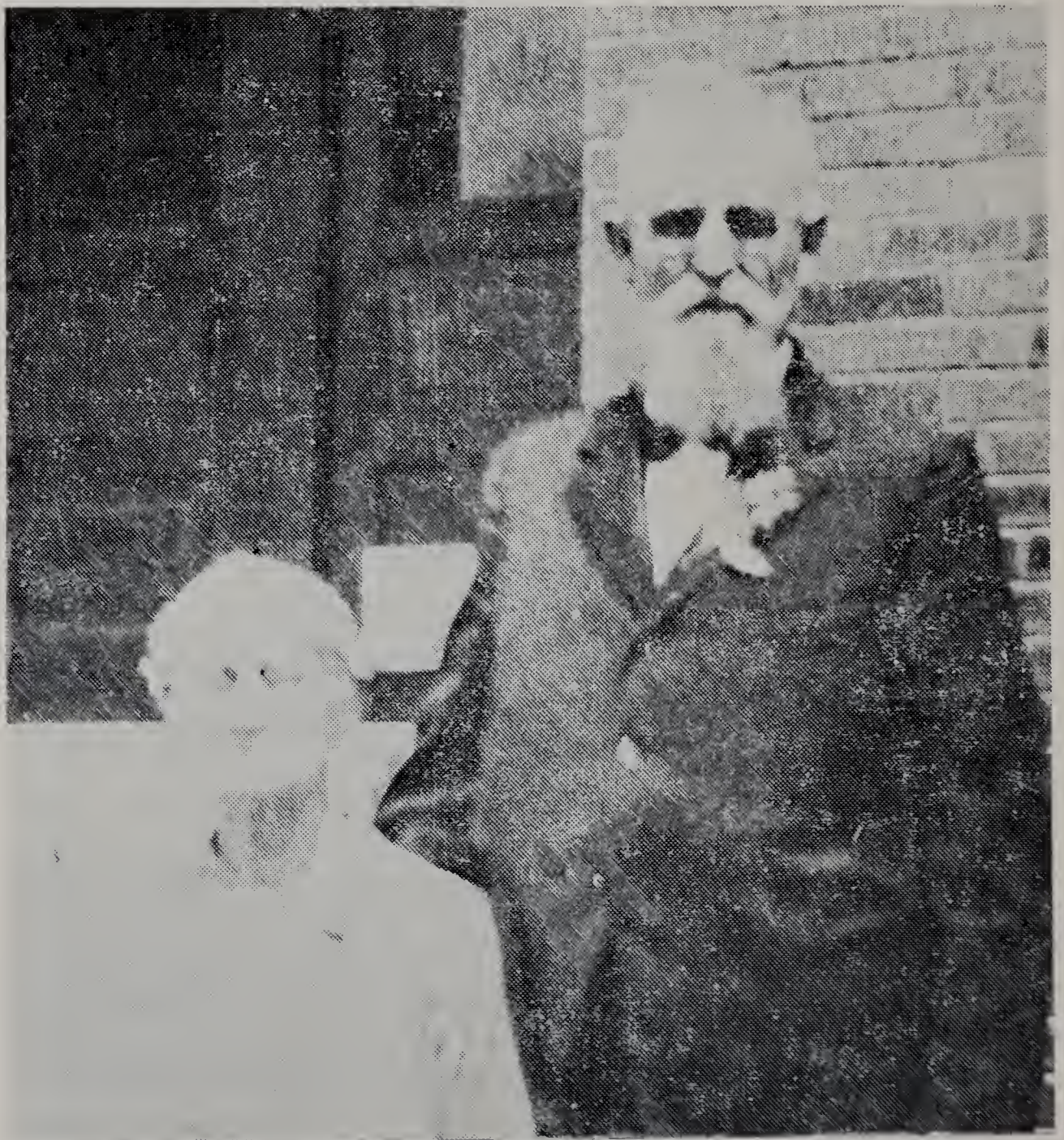
The original Steeleville bank was located in the old "Jay Building" downstairs and to the right in this large building. Today, the site is a vacant lot just east of the Webster Theater.



After the final blast, all of the bank's doors and windows were completely blown out, and pieces of currency and gold and silver coins were scattered all over the floor. Obviously working in a smoky haze, two of the bandits began quickly picking up the money. (A mass of currency badly damaged and resembling a rat's nest, was left on the floor. This was thought to be \$1,000 of brand new currency only recently acquired by the bank.)

Several families lived about 125 yards south of the bank. Mr. John Brown went out on his porch to investigate and then boldly walked toward the bank. Mr. Brown yelled at the lookout thief, "You boys ought to be ashamed of yourselves — stealing our money while we sleep!" The armed lookout thief yelled back, "Retire or get your d - - head shot off!" (Actual quotes.) Only at his daughter's pleading requests did Brown retreat.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zimmer were also awakened by the blasts. Mr. Zimmer, who had no firearms in the house, ran out the back door to inform the night shift at the mill (and others) of the robbery in progress. After the final explosion, Mrs. Zimmer went out on her porch and yelled at her husband to hurry up or it would be too late. The lookout thief hollered at her to "Get back and be quiet or get killed!" (Mrs. Zimmer retreated.) She also heard the lookout thief urging the inside thieves to "Hurry up, they are after us", and "Scoop up the money and let's be gone."



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zimmer in later life. During robbery, lookout thief threatened to kill Mrs. Zimmer. Mr. Zimmer was first to organize armed posse.

By the time Mr. Zimmer organized a heavily armed posse, the robbers had completed their job and fled. By now, all of Steeleville's residents were aroused and excited. The bandits were tracked on foot through fields and woodlands. Although easily tracked because of soft earth, their pursuers were hampered by very thick fog. The correct trail was east, but near the town of Percy their trail was lost. In the meantime, heavily armed posses had been started in every other direction out of Steeleville. Within a few minutes after the robbery, telephone and telegraph messages concerning the robbery were sent out.

A later audit revealed that \$3,205.55, including \$100 worth of 2-cent stamps, had been stolen by the robbers. There was \$3,000 insurance on the contents of the safe, so the loss to the bank would be only the value of the safe and damaged building. The Merchant's Exchange Bank of Sparta (now the National Bank) sent a consignment of cash and business was resumed the very day of the robbery at the post office, which is a tribute to these early bank officers.

(Author's Note: When tracking the bandits, a quart whiskey bottle was found which contained about one-half inch of a yellowish fluid. This was later confirmed to be nitroglycerin!) There were no clues whatsoever in the robbery during the next few days. It was beginning to appear as if the robbers were going to get away with it. But, on January 31, the St. Louis Republic newspaper gave the following account.

Jerry Richtmyer* has been arrested and charged with being one of the three men who recently robbed the Steeleville, Illinois, bank. \$315.00 of the bank's money, much of which is mutilated by the explosion of nitroglycerin used to blow the safe, is now in the hands of St. Louis police. (*Sometimes spelled meyer.)

St. Louis Police Chief Kiely, Acting Chief of Detectives Keely, and detectives Harrington and Cordell recovered the money about 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. Although Richtmyer's apartment had been thoroughly searched by detectives after his arrest Thursday evening, the prisoner was placed in a patrol wagon and taken back to the house at 1311 Pine Street.

Chief Kiely had obtained information that the money was still in the apartment. The Chief deliberately entered the room first and took up a position facing the door so he could see Richtmyer's face when he followed into the room. (The Chief believed that Richtmyer, by his first glance as he entered the room, would reveal the hiding place of the money if it indeed was still hidden in the room.)

St. Louis Police Chief Kiely cunningly outwitted Richtmyer, leading to recovery of the \$5.00 bill featured in this article.



As the closely guarded and handcuffed prisoner stepped across the threshold (under the steady glare of the Chief) he did glance for a split-second toward the ceiling in one corner of the room. The Chief immediately noted the direction of the glance and began an examination of that part of the room. Although nearly perfectly camouflaged, upon close inspection it was noticed that a section of wall-paper, plaster, and lathing had been removed and carefully replaced. This part was taken out by Detective Cordell and wrapped in a piece of cloth was \$315 of currency, some of which was mutilated. (Stunningly, the Chief had theorized correctly!) In despair, Richtmyer said (actual quotes), "I guess the jigs up with me," and "I must say you are the smoothest in the business."

Richtmyer was then taken back to the police station. As he was being led into the Chief's office, he noticed Wm. Pinkerton (head of the famous Pinkerton Detective Agency) sitting there. "Hello, Bill," said the prisoner. Pinkerton replied, "How are you?" Richtmyer said, "Oh, I'm all right. The last time I saw you was in Denver about ten years ago." (All of these are actual quotes recorded by some unknown St. Louis newspaper reporter.)

Interrogated, Richtmyer revealed the names of the other two robbers and said that one got about \$1,000 worth of gold and silver coins, which crooks call "hard." He and the other robber split up all of the currency or "soft." He also said that if he hadn't been drunk he would have never recently gotten married. "If I wasn't married, you police wouldn't have me here. You see, there was another fellow in love with my new bride Nellie. They were planning to be married until I blew into town three weeks ago. I know he turned me in and it's a cinch I'll get even with him when I get out of this. He can have Nellie now if she still wants him."

The "other fellow" had indeed notified police of Richtmyer's part in the robbery. Soon after the robbery, Richtmyer began spending the money. In two days, he spent and gave away \$400! (A heck of a spree even by today's standards!) While drunk, he talked too freely in the presence of the man who previously planned to marry Nellie. Revengefully, this jilted lover informed the St. Louis police.

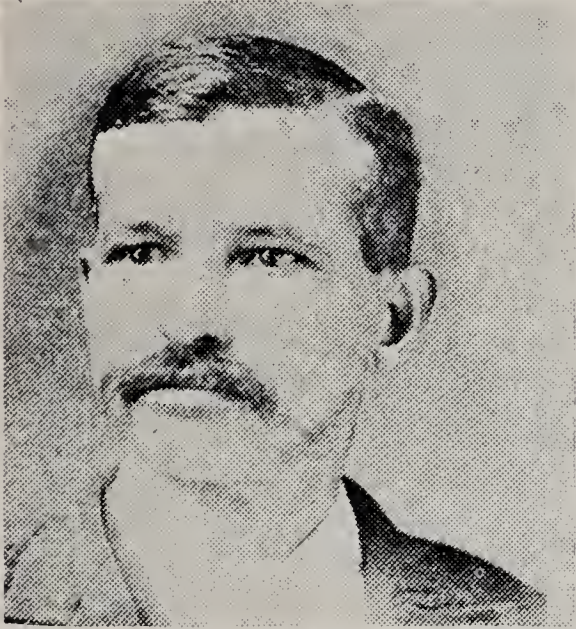
Richtmyer's new bride, Nellie, even testified against her husband! Questioned by Chief Kiely, she stated that she had seen her husband counting a large roll of money while she was in bed Thursday morning. She also stated that she had seen him count the money at her mother's home at 410 Clark Street.

(Author's Note: When arrested, Richtmyer had only \$9.50, which with the \$315 found in the apartment cache and \$400 spent, leaves about \$300 missing. Richtmyer, of all things, said that this \$300 was stolen from him! He had also originally contended that he had "nothing to do with the robbery" and the money was "given" to him by one of the men who did rob the bank. He said that he hid the \$1,000 in a chimney hole at 415 South 6th Street and that someone must of seen him hiding the money. "When he went back to get the money, he said someone had stolen \$300 from the roll!")

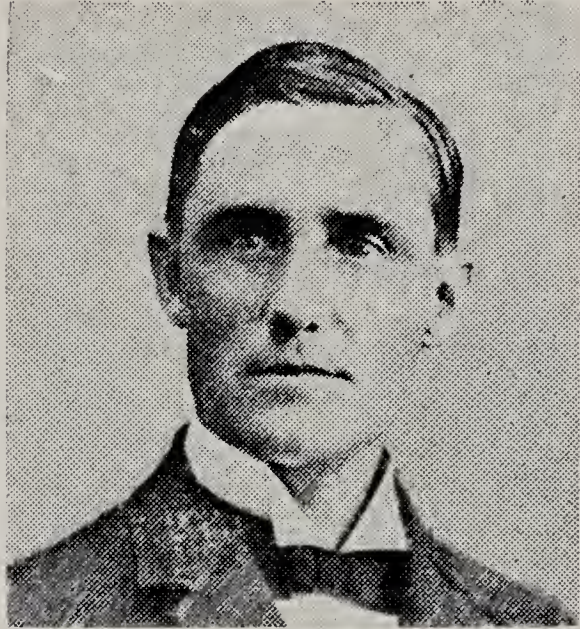
(The following was obtained from the February 6, 1903, edition of the Sparta, Illinois, News-Plaindealer newspaper.) Randolph County State's Attorney Crisler and Deputy Sheriff Lashly went to St. Louis Saturday, and on Sunday took Steeleville bank robber Jerry Richtmyer to the Chester, Ill., jail. On Monday he was arraigned before Justice Simpson for preliminary examination. Richtmyer waived the examination and in default of bail, was returned to jail. Monday evening he was taken to the Belleville, Ill., jail for greater security until the March term of our circuit court.

(The following was obtained from the March 19, 1903, edition of the Chester Herald-Tribune newspaper.) During Circuit Court in Chester on Thursday, March 12, Steeleville bank robber Jerry Richtmyer was convicted of larceny and sentenced to serve 1-10 years in the Southern Illinois Penitentiary (now Menard).

Before the trial Richtmyer claimed he had no money and the judge appointed Chester Attorney Don E. Detrich to defend him. Detrich's quick and gallant defense resulted in Richtmyer's acquittal of burglary because of a technicality. (Of all things, no one could place Richtmyer at the scene of the robbery!) Although convicted of larceny, a conviction of burglary could have resulted in an additional ten-year sentence.



Attorney Don Detrich, with only a short time to prepare for the trial, expertly defended Richtmyer and saved the bank robber an additional 10-year sentence.



State's Attorney Crisler's seemingly "air tight" case against Richtmyer was frustrated by Detrich, his friend and fellow Chester resident.

The most damaging testimony against Richtmyer came from Wm. Donnelly of Percy, who worked in a coal mine near Willisville. About 5:00 a.m. on the morning of the bank robbery, Donnelly was walking to work on the railroad tracks about two miles south of Percy when three men walked from the road onto the tracks ahead of him. He



The exact spot the three bank robbers came onto the railroad tracks ahead of Donnelly is located approximately 1,400 yards north of the former Willisville train depot. Author pointing to the old road.

followed along behind them for a few minutes and then passed them. While passing the three men, one asked him, "How far is it to the station where the train stops?" He told them, and continued on to Willisville which was only a short distance ahead. As he and the three men neared the depot, the headlight of the approaching train illuminated the three men. Donnelly said that he "got a good look at them" and that one of them was definitely Richtmyer. (Amazingly, the bandits escaped by train to St. Louis.) Donnelly had also picked Richtmyer out of a 30-man police "line-up" shortly after his arrest.

Detectives Cordell and Harrington of the St. Louis Police Dept., and others, also testified for the prosecution. One of the \$5.00 bills found in Richtmyer's apartment cache was also entered as evidence during the trial. The note had a small missing piece from the lower left hand corner. This small missing piece had been found on the floor of the Steeleville bank's safe, and matched perfectly!



The legendary \$5.00 bill with the small missing piece in the lower left-hand corner. Today, no-one knows the location of the small missing piece.

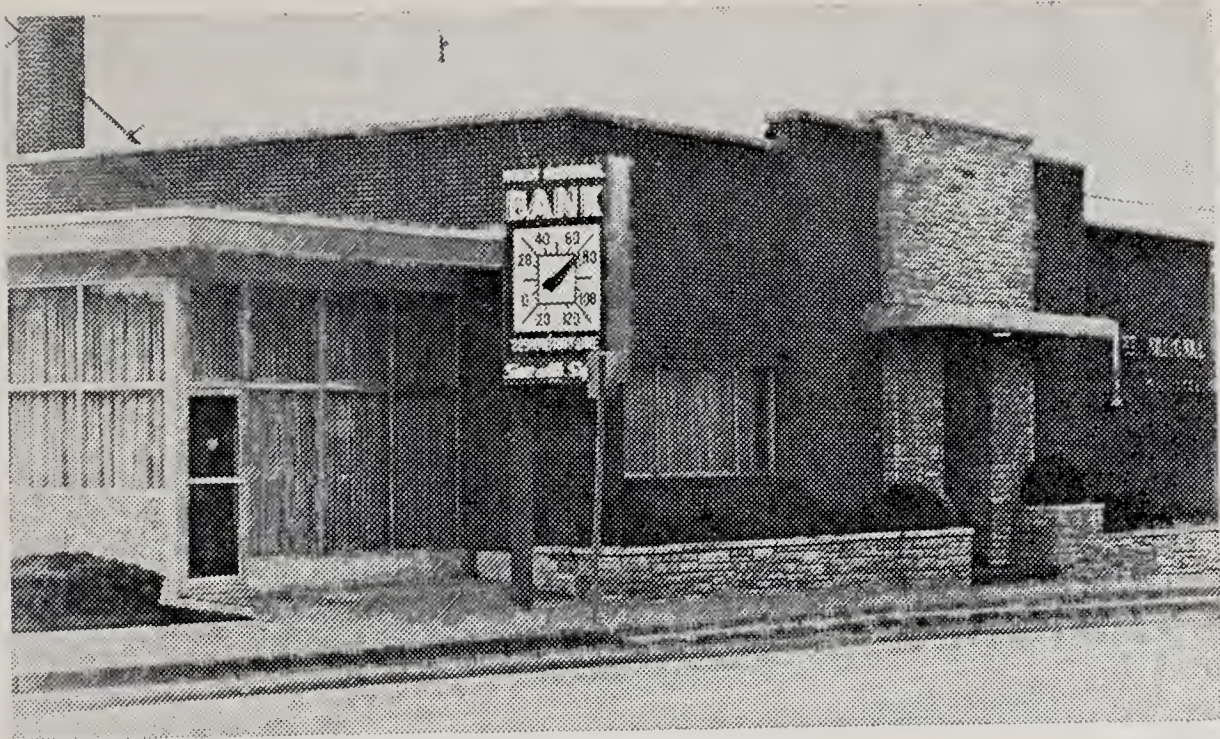
During his defense lawyer's final summation to the jury, Richtmyer sat quietly in a chair rocking slowly back and forth on the chair's two black legs. Every few seconds a large tear would roll down his cheek. (In addition to being a known "police character," Richtmyer was obviously a fine actor.) The jury deliberated five hours before returning their verdict.

From this terrible beginning, the First National Bank of Steeleville has grown into Randolph County's largest bank. The bank even over-shadows banks in the much larger towns of Sparta and Chester. Obviously, the bank's officers have been outstanding from 1902 to the present. In fact, today the bank is one of the most financially powerful in all of southern Illinois, recently ranking 9th in assets out of 70 banks.

It is easy to visualize that the bank's legendary \$5.00 bill has been noticed thousands of times throughout the years by area and non-area residents entering the bank. Perhaps some even took a few steps to get closer to the note or wanted to ask a question about it. But then most inevitably thought, "Aw, it's just an old \$5.00 bill," and moseyed on about their business.

However, after reading this article, you must agree that "the old \$5.00 bill" is a part of historical "paper Americana" and must be considered priceless. It is highly probable and obvious that this note's experience is unique, perhaps in the entire United States! Hereafter, the note should never again suffer the indignity of being thought of as "just an old \$5.00 bill." It is one of Steeleville's historical treasures.

(Author's Final Notations: The other two robbers were also caught and sentenced to prison. Because this article deals with the \$5.00 bill's story, their names and experiences were intentionally omitted. I also



The First National Bank of Steeleville today. Left to right: The author holding the legendary note; bank officers Mr. Wm. Werre, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Ken Kruse, Vice President, Mr. Darl Bollman, President. Mr. Werre, grandson of one of the bank's original founders, is holding the old "minute's book" which was also severely damaged by the 1903 nitroglycerin blast.

highly suggest that no-one try to "blow the safe" of the bank today. It is sealed in 8-inch thick steel, has a time lock, burglar alarms, etc., etc., and district state police headquarters are but a few miles away!

Ironically, Richtmyer's time in prison was spent only 14 miles from the bank he robbed. The prison's records were sent to the Illinois State Archives in Springfield. Despite nearly 80 hours of time and research on this article, I was unable to locate a photograph of Jerry Richtmyer or how long he served in prison. However, the entire true story of the \$5.00 bill was uncovered, which was my original goal.)

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Although an amateur author, I was somewhat surprised with the response to my information requests. Without exception, all of these individuals did everything possible to help me with this article. I thank each of them, for without their assistance this article would not be as complete as it is or may never have been written.

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 6. Steeleville residents Mrs. Edna Webster, Mr. Clint Webster, Mr. Ronald Jay, and Mr. Paul Zimmer, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zimmer.
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Sam is a member of ANA, SPMC, CSNA, ILLNA, and many local Coin Clubs. As a second hobby, Sam is a metal detector enthusiast and has located thousands of coins. He is a hard worker for ILLNA and numismatics in general.

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James is a member of ANA, CSNA, ILLNA and the Starved Rock Coin Club. He is an active exhibitor, having won first place at the Cincinnati convention. A collector for 25 years, his chief interest is to aid our Association in exhibiting, collecting, and building a strong numismatic bond in the association.

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Erthel is a member of the Gibson City Coin Club, ANA, and ILLNA. She has been on the Board of ILLNA for two years.

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